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Wisconsin Air Guard's 128th Air Control Squadron deploys 75 to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan

Five years after the attacks on America, Wisconsin National Guard members continue to serve in the Global War on Terrorism.

Approximately 75 members of the Volk Field-based 128th Air Control Squadron of the Wisconsin Air National Guard deployed to Afghanistan today to begin a 4-month mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The airmen will support the Theater Air Control System and be involved with command and control of the airspace over Afghanistan. The Volk Field airmen are skilled in satellite and ground communications, radar support and operations, medical, security, food services, command and control, computer maintenance, encryption systems, vehicle maintenance and operation, power production and telecommunications.

Since September 11, 2001, about 80 percent of the Wisconsin National Guard's soldiers and airmen have served on active duty either at home or overseas. Most of these 7,600-plus soldiers and airmen have completed their active duty missions and are back in Wisconsin serving with their Army and Air National Guard units.

There are now about 2,200 Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and airmen serving on active duty for federal missions and about 1,170 of them are currently deployed overseas.

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